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Strategic Planning Sub Committee Updates

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Task Force Votes on Plans for Strategic Planning Subcommittees

At its August 21 meeting, Task Force members heard from four subcommittees about action plans developed in preparation for the September 23 joint meeting of the Task Force and Policy Group. The two bodies will develop a proposal for the legislature on how the two bodies should exist in the years ahead. Proposed changes to establishing statutory language were finalized by the Policy Group in March.

The Task Force voted in favor of proposals developed in four areas which were identified during the year-long strategic planning process. The plans will be finalized during the September meeting.

Data Practices

Subcommittee members: Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Cari Gerlicher, Deb Kerschner, Rick Smith, Steve Holmgren, Safia Lovett, Spencer Bakke

The Data Practices group developed a month-by-month plan focused on gathering input from a broad audience about what does and doesn't work well with current criminal justice data laws and practices. The group proposed reaching out to criminal justice associations, victim groups and interested citizens, using surveys, listening sessions and public events (county fairs, etc.). The information would be used to help legislators better understand public/stakeholder sentiment on issues and help inform their decisions in the area of data practices.

Collaborative Relationships

Subcommittee members: Amy Schmidt, Paul Beaumaster, Andy Erickson, Jon Ramlo

The Collaborative Relationships group worked under the premise that if criminal justice agencies better understood the integration efforts of other agencies/jurisdictions there could be less work and money spent on duplicated efforts. They proposed a permanent subcommittee focused on communicating about these efforts and about funding options available to agencies. The proposal also includes seeking funding or influence over funding decisions for statewide criminal justice information systems.

Education and Innovation

Subcommittee members: Mark Ostrem, Rick Duncan

The Education and Innovation group did not meet, due to lack of volunteers. The Task Force discussed whether this was a viable subcommittee moving forward. The group discussed the challenges of keeping informed about emerging technologies that would have application in the criminal justice arena. A motion was made that this committee be established to seek out subject matter experts who could be brought in to inform the subcommittee on a periodic basis.

Data and Identification Standards

Subcommittee members: Oded Galili, Mike Goldstein, Kerry Meyer, Nate Reitz

The Data and Identification Standards group recommended to the Task Force that the committee's work should focus on developing more reliable methods for identification and information sharing. While the group did identify some principles to achieve these goals, the Task Force did not approve specific recommendations.

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